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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 12 July 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claims 1, 9, 17 and 18 as shown on the attached sheets, including replacement sheets with clean copies of the amended claims, and sheet showing the changes to the amended claims with brackets and/or underlining.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims in the application remain claims 1-20, of which claims 1, 9, 18 and 19 are independent.

Claims 1, 9, 17 and 18 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, applicant has amended these claims in light of the Examiner's objections to certain language therein, adopting the Examiner's suggested modification relative to claims 1, 9 and 18, and modifying claim 17 in a similar fashion to more specifically define that the pivoting is —about the connecting member—.